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In re application of : Takeshi MASAKI et al.

Application No. : 10/075,376

Group Art Unit : 1725

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Examiner : Geoffrey S. Evans

For : MICRO ELECTRO DISCHARGE MACHINING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- X A Request for Extension of Time.
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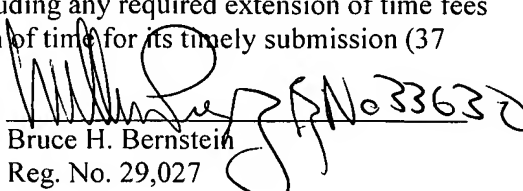
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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of December 23, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 23, 2003, and which has been extended, by the herein enclosed Request for Extension of Time, to expire on June 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections together with an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application in due course.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.